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Railroad merger is near

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

An expected major railroad merger that could take place within a few months is expected to remove a possible 60,000 trucks from Michigan roadways in coming years, David Cox, assistant to Romulus Mayor William Oakley, revealed last week.

Cox passed on the information after attending a meeting on the planned Conrail merger with CSX and Norfolk Southern rail lines. The meeting was held at Monroe County Community College on Jan. 21.

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The biggest traffic plus presented at the session, Cox said, was that a major lightening of truck traffic in Michigan was outlined, but it also was stated that the number of trains passing throughout various communities would increase.

According to printed information supplied at the meeting, "in June 1997 CSX Corp. and Norfolk Southern filed an application with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) for authority to acquire control of Conrail and divide its assets."

A STB decision is reportedly pending on July 23.

CSX reported earlier that once the merger is approved "auto manufacturers and customers will reap tremendous benefits from single-line rail service."

The benefits will include the elimination of delays at major interchanges and the creation of new, direct routes and finished delivery times will decrease significantly.

It also was revealed that in addition to the current 35 multi-level trains carrying vehicles by CSXT, an additional 18 trains that can hold 700-800 vehicles will be placed on line.

In some cases, the trains could hold up to as much as 1,000 vehicles, CSX revealed.

It also was reported that the merger will aid the international marketing industry.

"Both exporters and importers will reap tremendous benefits from single-line rail service," Kelly Shefelbine, director of CSXT's international marketing office revealed.

CSXT will then service over 30 ports within its system - more than any other American railroad, the firm spokesman said.



Romulus High School students Eric Staten and John Ryznar warm themselves over burning barrels as they portray the lives of homeless people in front of Romulus High School. MCN Special Photo

'Homeless' students collect for the needy

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Spurred on by playwright Nikki Nealy, 11 Romulus High School students and five adults accepted the challenge to sleep in large cardboard boxes in frigid overnight temperatures to learn first hand what it is like to be a homeless person.

The students were part of a Humanities Class that decided they wanted to learn more about homelessness first hand.

First they met with Nealy, who along with director L.A. Shelby, wrote and directed a play entitled "Ms. Flossy and Friends," that will be offered to area residents on Feb. 20 at the Clarion Inn in Romulus.

Nealy shared stories with the students that included testimonials that "we all could become homeless at any time." She then inspired the students to pursue a project that would "create the awareness that homelessness is everywhere."

On Jan. 20, more than a dozen of the Romulus students left 3,000 flyers on residents' doorsteps informing them of the planned "scavenger hunt" planned for that Saturday.

The students returned on the weekend and collected toiletries, food, clothing and monetary donations, Kathy Hurst, Romulus High service-learning coordinator, revealed.

Hurst said the students "were overwhelmed by the community's generous support."

An exact total of items and products donated will be tallied up this week by a math class facilitated by Kathy Abdo.

Over 1,000 items were collected by students during the week prior to the neighborhood drive, most of them during the students' lunch hour effort in school.

Last Saturday, the 11 stu-

Boys/Girls club given \$500

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The planned Romulus Boys/Girls Club was granted \$500 in seed money by the Romulus School District on Monday night.

The effort to create such a national organization for local youths was instituted last year by Middle School Smart Lab instructor John Juriga, who has since been named the unit's president.

A team of Boys/Girls Club

dents and five adults simulated a homeless society by setting up a display on the front lawn of the high school.

They accepted donations for the homeless during the overnight camp out from 5 p.m. on Saturday until 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Some of the students also hung signs around their necks stating "Homeless and Hungry, No Family, No Job, No Home and Helpless and Homeless." They then walked up and down Wayne road near the school to share their messages with passersby.

A monetary collection site was set up by Mrs. Rosalie Ber-linn, media center specialist, and \$144 was donated.

Cast members of Ms. Flossy and Friends visited the participating students on Saturday and Phyllis Anderson told stories to the students as they warmed themselves around the burning barrels.

The Romulus students now will visit the Capachun Soup Kitchens and talk to Community Services Director Ken Dillard on Feb. 3. All the collections the students have gathered will be presented at that time, Hurst said.

These early experiences will be used as the students complete their plans for the April 29 symposium on humanitarianism.

Hurst said homelessness will be only one of the issues discussed that day. Other topics will include domestic violence, ethnic and religious contributions to society, kanimals are human too, advocating for community service learning and advocating for women's rights.

The symposium is being conducted by the Humanities Class facilitated by Serena Fraser and the Project Serve Office.

Local residents are urged to attend the symposium on April 29.

officers has been appointed and committees to get the effort off the ground has been selected.

The donation was recommended by School trustee Michael Woods and others, Superintendent Dr. William Bedell said. The money was taken from the district's general fund.

The next meeting of the Boys/Girls Club committee is 4:30 p.m. today at Cory Elementary School.

Romulus police arrest 3, recover \$750,000 in gems

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus undercover detectives arrested a trio of suspected national jewel robbers last week, only hours after they and an alleged accomplice (who was shot dead in Ohio) robbed a major jewelry store of more than \$750,000 worth of diamond rings and watches.

Romulus Detective Lt. David Early revealed after the Romulus arrests that the reported ringleader of the gang, John Fitzgerald Bracken, 33, a drifter currently residing in California, was nabbed and approximately \$750,000 worth of jewelry was recovered from a mini-van the trio had rented.

Bracken (who has used scores of aliases) and a male accomplice were turned over to agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation last Thursday, while a woman member of the trio (who was said to be 19 years of age) was released to Copley, Ohio police officers.

Although listed as "armed

It is possible they discarded any weapons since they were planning to board a plane a short time later.

- Lt. David Early

and dangerous" Bracken and his accomplices were not armed at the time their vehicle was stopped in Romulus, Early said. "It is possible they discarded any weapons since they were planning to board a plane a short time later," Early speculated.

According to Early, the trio along with others were in the process of holding up a large jewelry store in Copley on Jan. 20, when a gunfight with local police broke out and one reported bandit (listed by Ohio police as Dennis Ira Felton) was shot and killed on site.

Bracken and the two others

reportedly fled to Romulus, Early related, where they were awaiting a flight at Detroit Metro Airport that would take them back to California.

While at a Romulus hotel, they were apparently seen acting suspiciously by hotel employees, who notified Romulus detectives. Early praised the actions of the hotel workers.

Thinking the trio might have been involved in drug dealings, they were placed under police surveillance for four to five hours. Police later checked refuse containers and recovered discarded sales tags, etc. that reportedly had been attached to the stolen jewelry.

Recovered were 372 diamond rings and 13 Rolex watches, Early said.

Early explained that the trio claimed that the jewelry was fake, but that claim was quickly rejected.

It is believed that the bandits were involved in 12 or more jewelry store armed robberies from Florida to Texas in recent months, Early said.

Romulus voice will increase, McPhail tells council members

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Vowing that Romulus concerns will be heard and attended to in her administration, Wayne County Executive candidate Sharon McPhail pressed city officials for primary vote consideration next August.

McPhail, who will be challenging long-time incumbent County Executive Ed McNamara, said the over riding issue she has heard from Western Wayne County residents is that McNamara does not listen to their requests.

Introduced by Mayor pro tem Randolph Gear, McPhail vowed if elected she would push for a county tax cut, institute a county audit and create a citizen oversight board on Detroit Metro Airport financial issues.

The 49-year-old candidate and wife of former Detroit School Superintendent David Snead, vowed "I will make sure (Wayne County government) knows Romulus is im-



Sharon McPhail

portant!"

While several thanked McPhail for her visit to Romulus, few council members had any pointed questions regarding her pending campaign against the formidable McNamara.

Gear was the exception. He pressed her on airport noise and road issues.

"Citizens are not stupid,"

McPhail said, "they know that the roads in Wayne County are poor. I'm sure some of them will be resurfaced within the next six months prior to the primary."

Early in her talk, McPhail said, she felt McNamara was a good man. He probably is even a good father and husband, but it is probably time for him to step down as county executive.

McPhail said part of the tax cut she would effect would be created by cutting county staff members - a number bloated in recent years by the McNamara administration.

She also charged Wayne County should take charge at Metro Airport and not allow Northwest Airlines to operate it.

McPhail said a written plan for her county administration would be in Western Wayne County residents hands in coming weeks.

Prior to her stop in Romulus Monday night, McPhail also visited Columbia Court residents in Belleville.

Patterson is now seeking state representative slot

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

As expected 11th District Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson threw his political hat into the ring Monday to succeed 21st District State Rep. Deborah Whyman (R-Canton) this fall.

Thus Romulus and surrounding communities will be in search of a new county commissioner this November. Patterson will be completing his second two-year term as district commissioner this November, the first Republican to hold such a post.

The tall commissioner from Canton said he has conferred with three potential candidates or more and is hopeful that quality candidates on both sides of the political field

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will seek to replace him.

Vowing that his decision to switch from county government to potentially state government this fall was not an easy one, Patterson reminded political supporters "the road to success is always under construction."

Outlining the decision making process, Patterson said, ultimately the final decision fell onto his lap and he was "very proud to announce" his candidacy for the state rep post on Monday at the Canton Library.

He later entertained supporters at a social at Palermo's Restaurant in Canton, an eatery known for such political parties in the past.

The person elected to succeed Whyman "had better be prepared and mature, since term limits will make big changes in Lansing this fall."

Patterson reminded those in attendance that he is a "strict constitutional constructionist as well as a financial conservative." He also said he believes in individual freedom.

Patterson added "I also believe that the government closest to the people is the best government." Thus, he said, local governments rather than county government should control such issues as local roads.

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By RITA BEDELL
MCN Police Reporter

Canton Reports Armed Robbery

On Jan. 19, Canton Police received a call from Canton Crossings Apartments regarding an Armed Robbery.

A 31 year old woman who lives at the apartments went to the station to make a report.

Two of her male friends were inside her apartment when two men entered through an unlocked front door.

Both of the men were ordered to the ground and guns were pointed to their faces.

One of the men was kicked and punched. Both of the men were tied with tape and placed on a bed with pillows over their heads. The crooks kept asking for money and threatened to kill the men.

The woman who lived there walked into her apartment to find it torn apart and was taken to the bedroom and tied up also.

The robbers left with money, a car stereo and cell phone.

They were wearing stockings over their heads.

Canton Police are investigating all leads to the case. No arrests have been made.

The suspects are described at a Mexican male, 20 years old, 5'6" and stocky with a moustache and a black male, 20 years old, 6' and 190 lbs.

Canton Reports Students Busted

On Nov. 27, 1997, someone had broken into Canton High School and stole (4) Compaq Deskpro CPU's valued at \$7,200.

On Jan. 8, 1998, high school security received an anonymous "TIP" about possible suspects that were involved.

High School officials and the Canton Police Dept. and Detective Bureau investigated the case. It was determined that three suspects were involved with the break in and theft of the computers.

Forced entry was used to enter the school, but a stolen key was used to gain access to the area where the computers were stolen. Based on the investigation, all four computers were returned to the school.

On Jan. 9, all three listed suspects were charged and arraigned on Breaking and Entering a Building - a 10 year felony.

All three of the young men are from Canton and students at the High School. Two 17 year olds and one 18 year old. All three were released on \$10,000 personal bond. Preliminary exam is set for Jan. 23.

The young men were all suspended and face Expulsion Hearings from the Plymouth-Canton School District.

Someone reported a shot being fired at Ecorse N. of Belleville Rd. Officers couldn't locate anyone when they arrived.

Meijer's called to report retail fraud and officers responded and made an arrest.

A person was taken into custody who caused a disturbance at the Belle Coin Laundry on Jan. 17.

A domestic dispute lead to an arrest from the 10000 block of Oak Lane.

Haggerty Mobile station called to report an intoxicated person on the property. There was a warrant sought and arrest was made.

Residents at Harbour Club were rudely awakened by someone ringing the doorbell at about 5am.

A domestic dispute from the 46000 block of Lake Villa lead to an arrest because one of the persons had a warrant.

A medical emergency came from the 13000 block of Edgedale. The emergency resulted in a death. The death is currently being investigated.

A vehicle was stolen from the 11000 block of Oak Lane.

Officers arrested a wanted fugitive at Van Born and Haggerty on Jan. 19.

A 17 year old was reported missing from Kirkridge Park.

Someone walked into the police department to report an altercation that happened just before at Denny's. Medical attention was sought for glass in eyes from a fight.

Tires and wheels were stolen from two vehicles at Archwood on Jan. 20. Tires

were recovered for one.

On Jan. 21, police received a call of an injured duck from the 8700 block of Bell Rd. The duck was transferred to Ann Arbor Wildlife.

A domestic dispute was responded to from Riggs Rd. on Jan. 22.

Officers noted a suspicious person at S. Service Dr. and Quirk Rd. Police were mum as to why, but the person was arrested.

An assault and battery was reported from the 47000 block of McBride.

A fight broke out in the 50000 block of Huron River Dr. No report was written as both parties involved refused any information.

Police recovered a stolen car from the National Mini Storage.

Officers arrested an unwelcome guest from the 10000 block of Hamilton.

Dec. 30 was a full day of minor calls for Van Buren Police.

They had to respond to 6 burglar alarm calls. On each call, they found the homes and businesses snug as a bug in a rug.

There was one exception. From the 44000 block of Van Born, they found an open door. But there was no sign of damage and nobody around.

Police were called to break up a fight at the 4600 block of Tyler Rd. They removed an unwelcome guest.

Someone from the 9000 block of Morton Taylor called to report a vehicle stolen. Later they called to say the car was returned.

A license plate was swiped

A car was reported stolen from the 11000 block of Meadows Lane.

A dog fell through the ice near the 43000 block of I-94 Service Drive on Jan. 17. Officers were able to rescue the dog.

A domestic violence report was made from a home on Hull Rd.

Two stolen license plates were reported within an hour of each other on Jan. 2. One from the 4800 block of S. Service Dr., the other from the 46000 block of Lake Villa.

Romulus Reports

A call came in from the 35000 block of Genron Dr. in which the front window of the business had been broken into. Two safes had been damaged in the building and \$5000 was stolen.

A crook stole \$400-\$600 from a room at the Crowne Plaza while the visitor was out.

A 1993 Chevy S10 Blazer was stolen from the Royce Hotel on Jan. 18. The plate number is MNT439.

FedEx reported a box of ticket stock used for producing airline tickets missing.

Romulus Police heard a report of a breaking and entering in Wayne. When they reached the area of Fourth and Van Born they spotted someone matching the de-

scription of the home invader. The suspect took off on a bicycle when the police tried to approach him.

After he jumped off his bike, he couldn't outrun the officers and he was arrested.

A black 1993 Villager was stolen from Shoneys Inn in Romulus on Jan. 18. The plate number to look for is 9BXN18.

Someone threw a rock through the window of a Bronco at a parking area on Wick Rd. and stole a radar detector.

A generator was suspended in the air by a forklift at a construction site on Middlebelt.

The wire holding the generator had been cut and they stole the generator. It is described as a Honda 3500, red in color, model #8NL344 valued at \$500.

On Jan. 21, there was an accident at Middlebelt and Goddard. A lady driving one car and man driving the other.

The man threatened the lady with a hammer after the accident.

Hubcaps were stolen from a 1993 Buick on Flynn Dr.

A caller from the 29000 block of Smith Rd. reported a breaking and entering. Upon arrival the police found the west side door had been broken. A Fisher stereo, Zenith TV, Garrard portable stereo and telephones were stolen. There were unidentified vehicle marks in the driveway.

VanBuren Reports

A caller from the 6100 block of E. Adams reported an assault and battery on Jan. 16.

A resident of Parkwood was having a very large party in which the police had to be called to quiet them down.

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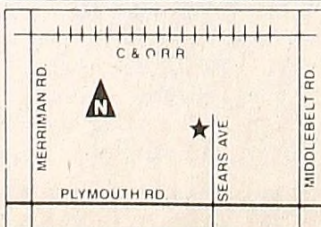
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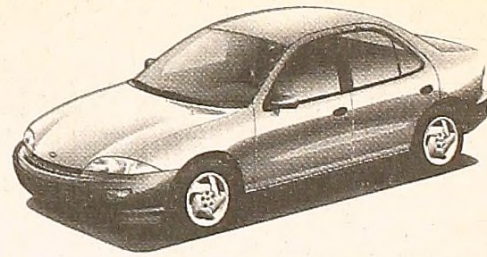
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Things to do; places to go!

• Currently at the Hilberry Theatre, Wayne State University, is *Saturday, Sunday, Monday*. The play continues in rotating repertory through Jan. 30, 1998.

• Eastern Michigan University features *Anne of the Thousand Days* on March 6-8 and 12-14, 1998 at the Quirk Theatre.

• Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., The Automotive Hall of Fame, 21400 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Mich.

• *The Retirement Murders*, an audience participation murder mystery comedy will be presented by the Jackson Productions Dinner Theatre at Fiorelli's Restaurant (26125 E. Huron River Drive, Flat Rock). The production will take place every Saturday evening (6:30 p.m. seating) now through March 7, 1998. Tickets are \$28 in advance, \$33 at the door (includes dinner, show, tax and tip).

• Families can produce and perform a radio play just as they did in the golden age of radio by visiting Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn March 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, or 29.

• The sixth annual Spring Home and Garden Show opens Jan. 29 and runs through Feb. 1 at the Novi Expo Center at I-96 and Novi Road. Tickets are available at Farmer Jack stores at \$9 a family. For more ticket information call (248) 737-4478.

• Stagecrafters announces auditions for the comedy *Lend Me A Tenor*. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and auditions begin at 7 p.m. Feb. 1 and 2. Roles are available for men and women. For more information, call (248) 541-4832.

• *A Taste of Monet*, a dinner theatre presentation at the Michigan League, will let art-lovers add another dimension to the University of Michigan Museum of Art's landmark Monet exhibit, opening Jan. 25. The presentation is scheduled at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 and 6 p.m. Feb. 8 and features favorite recipes of Monet. For more information call (734) 647-7463.

• A psychiatric clinic becomes a nuthouse of fun in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of Joe Orton's *What the Butler Saw*, running Feb. 11 through March 8. Tickets for the production by Oakland University's professional theatre company are available through Ticketmaster or by calling (248) 377-3300. The play contains adult situations and language.

• The Purple Rose Theatre Company will present the midwest premier of Wendy Hammond's *Julie Johnson*. Opening night is Jan. 30, and the play runs through March 14. Performances will be held Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., with matinee performances at 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Performances will be at 2 p.m. on Sundays. For ticket information call (734) 475-7902. The production contains adult language and situations.

Antique treasures

Childhood dolls bring out 'kid' in Westland senior citizens

By LORI GILLESPIE
MCN Staff Writer

When you were growing up, you probably had a favorite toy. Maybe it was a toy truck or Legos, a stuffed bear or a board game.

Presbyterian Village, a retirement community in Westland, held a tea party recently, inviting residents to bring with them their favorite dolls from their childhood. The response was overwhelming.

Dolores Greschow brought her doll, with the blond wig and blue eyes. She said she remembered getting the doll when she was 4-years old, and it was her favorite. Greschow's doll has a head and hands made of porcelain and a body made of leather. The arms and legs feature hinges, making them movable.

When her family moved from Illinois to Detroit, almost 60 years ago, the doll was

packed in a trunk. It stayed there until eight years ago, when Greschow's sister found it. She replaced the wig and clothing, which were tattered with age, and gave it to her sister.

"I was tickled when she gave it to me," Greschow said. "I remember having the doll when I was 4."

Martha was Virginia Mueller's favorite doll, although she couldn't say the full name, so she called her Met. She received the doll about 77 years ago, when she was 6-years old. Her doll also has a porcelain face and hands and leather body. Mueller said she replaced Met's clothing about 30 years ago.

"This was my favorite doll," she recalled. "She was everyone's favorite at that time. My sister had one, but she looked a little different from mine. I didn't have a lot of dolls growing up, but this was one of my

favorites."

The oldest doll at the party came with Marge Cameron.

"My great-grandmother bought it for my grandmother in 1869, when she was 5-years old," Cameron explained. "My grandmother gave it to my mother, who gave it to my daughter."

The hands, face, and feet on the doll are original, although the clothes are new. Cameron, like a lot of the women at the tea party, did not know the doll's name.

During World War II, there was a shortage of materials, and Christmas ornaments were not sold, so many people made their own decorations. Millicent Snyder used wrapping paper and a small doll to create a Christmas angel. Although it is a little tattered, the angel has hung on Snyder's Christmas tree every year since it was made.

When Ada Adams was a

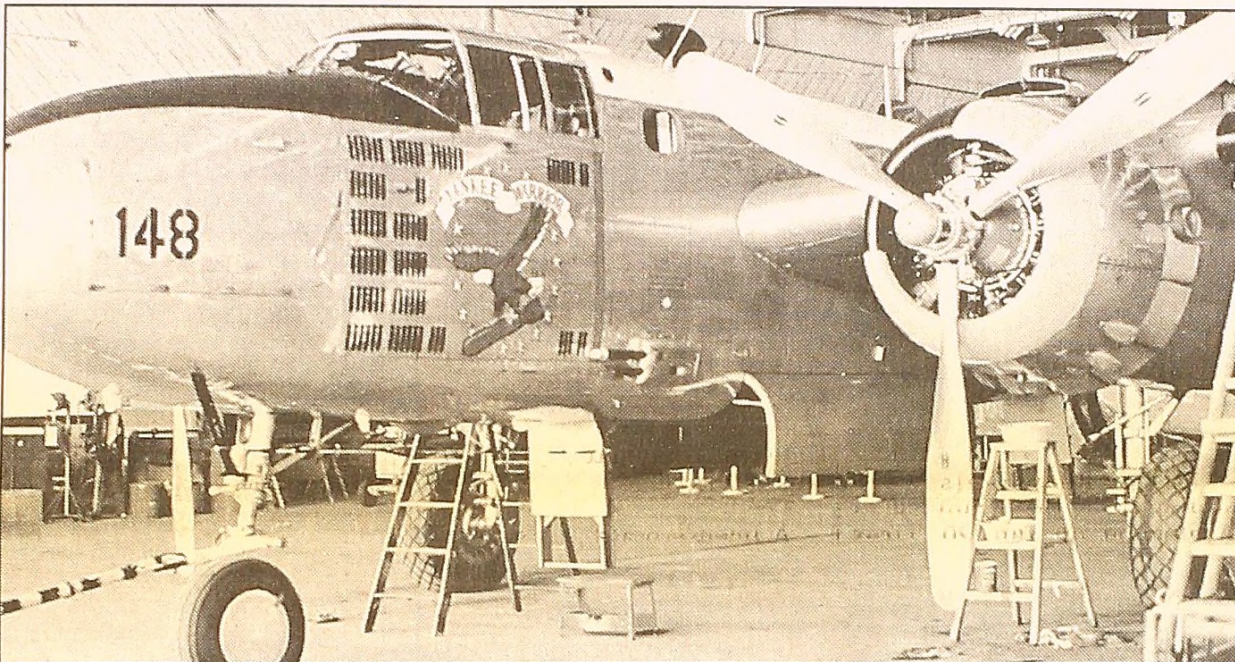


Julia Nagel, a resident at Presbyterian Retirement Village in Westland, showed off some of her favorite dolls from her childhood and beyond. The senior was one of many who gathered for a tea party with their childhood dolls. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

child, growing up in London, England, dolls were made with wax faces.

"If you sat too close to the

fireplace, your doll's face would melt," she recalled. "I never saw a china doll when I lived in England."



Yankee Warrior, a B-25 "Mitchell" is one of many planes which have been restored to flying condition at the Yankee Air Museum in Van Buren Township. The museum, staffed by volunteers from the Yankee Air Force, features items from Southeast Michigan's aviation history. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

Museum features aviation history

By LORI GILLESPIE
MCN Staff Writer

There's a unique museum in this area dedicated to the history of aviation in southeast Michigan.

The Yankee Air Museum was formulated in 1981 by a group of people who shared the desire to preserve the history of Willow Run Airport. Forty years prior, the airport was built by Ford Motor Company to serve as an airfield for their B-24 Bomber Plant.

During World War II, nearly 8,700 bombers were built at the plant. Today, only four of the Willow Run-built bombers still exist.

According to Don Harner, vice-president of the Yankee Air Force, the group was able to obtain one of the original hangars at Willow Run for the museum. With the help of the county and the owners of the airport, the YAF was able to return the hangar to its original condition.

The Yankee Air Museum, located in Van Buren Township, features several flyable examples of historic aircraft, as well as many static displays and designated rooms filled with historic aviation artifacts.

Some of the aircraft on display include "Clyde," a retired B-52D "Stratofortress". The plane, with its tail rising 48 feet in the air, guides visitors

to the museum. During the Vietnam War, the B-52 flew over 600 combat missions, and is now the centerpiece of the YAF Vietnam War Memorial. Other aircraft which can be viewed include a F-84F Thunderstreak, a 1950s vintage fighter/bomber; a RF-84 K Thunderflash, used for photo reconnaissance; and a F-101B Voodoo, missile armed fighter/interceptor, among others.

Since 1981, the YAF has acquired and returned to flying status, five WWII aircraft. These include a DC-47 WWII transport built in 1945, a B-17G "Flying Fortress" used in the movie *Tora! Tora! Tora!*, and a B-25D "Mitchell" which saw duty in WWII and is one of only two B-25Ds still flying today. Some of these planes are also on display at the museum.

In the year 2000, the group plans to begin work on a much larger museum and hangar near their present location. Due to the historic value of their current building, it will still be used for the restoration of vintage aircraft.

The YAF is a very active group. Besides staffing the Yankee Air Museum, the volunteers also hold two big dances a year, with all of the proceeds going to the museum. They also participate in the annual Willow Run Air Show, with static displays. They observe Memorial Day with a

pancake breakfast. According to Harner, many people fly in for the event. During the National Strawberry Festival and the Belleville Bridge Walk, Harner can be seen and heard flying the B-25D overhead.

Harner has been flying since 1943, and has logged 27,000 hours of flying time. He said he can fly just about any aircraft, although his favorite is the B-17. Since its restoration, Harner says the Yankee Lady flies like a new aircraft.

There are 14 active pilots with the YAF, who fly planes such as the DC-3, C-47, B-25, and the B-17.

When it opened, the Yankee Air Museum was the only one of its kind. Since then, the idea has spread to other areas. Other divisions are located in New Jersey, Wisconsin, Illinois, Saginaw and Wurtsmith, Mich. Today, there are over 1,700 YAF members from throughout the United States.

The Yankee Air Museum is located at the Willow Run Airport. The entrance is off of Beck Road in Van Buren Township. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 12 to 4 p.m. on Sundays in February. From March through December, the hours are the same, although the museum is open everyday except Monday. For more information, call (734) 483-4030.

Muskrat Ramble

Wild game cuisine gains Western Wayne fans

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
MCN Special Writer

Although Betty Crocker probably won't include a recipe for muskrat in her cookbook, the wild game dish remains a delicacy in Monroe County and Downriver communities - and the taste for it is expanding into Western Wayne County.

Five Belleville area couples, all of whom are members of the Huron Valley Conservation Association, have formed a group to celebrate the consumption of the unique dish, dubbing their annual get-togethers as Muskrat Rambles.

The Ramblers including Ernie and Alene Knust, Keith and Ginger Bruder, Mernie and George Watts, Virginia and Don Truran plus the writer and her spouse, Jim Zinner, marked their seventh ramble recently.

Watts and Zinner grew up in "muskrat country," where the dish was prepared often, especially during the Lenten season. Muskrat were trapped and used for fur and food by their ancestors, the early French settlers in the marshlands of Southern Wayne and Monroe counties.

According to tales told by old-timers, the muskrat saved the French settlers from famine in the 1700s, and its meat has been revered since that time by descendants of those settlers. It has been told that a special papal dispensation was granted to allow the Catholic settlers to eat muskrat on Fridays and other meat-less feast days. The rationale was that the muskrat lived in the water, like a fish, and thus could be considered a fish. Although the story has been widely circulated and embellished through the years, a check with an archivist from the Detroit Archdiocese failed

to turn up a document to substantiate it.

The muskrat also provided inexpensive meat for the table during the Depression years, and many residents remember the days when trappers provided muskrats at three for \$1.

The conservation club members, while not all from "muskrat country," are familiar with many types of wild game from venison to elk and turtle to wild turkey. Many of them attend wild game dinners, such as the one sponsored by the Tri-County Sportsman Club in Saline.

And, are their spouses game?

"Yes," said Alene Knust enthusiastically. The other women echo her enthusiasm.

While muskrat dinners are served occasionally at Downriver and Monroe County clubs and lodges, Johnny (The Muskrat King) Kolakowski has made muskrat a year-around treat at his restaurant, Kola's Food Factory in Riverview.

In the mid-1980s Kolakowski led a crusade to bring the muskrat "out of the closet" and onto restaurant menus. His efforts prompted the FDA to expand their tests to muskrat meat and approve it for sale to consumers. Prior to that time, the Muskrat Ramblers' source of muskrat would have been in danger of being busted for unlawful muskrat consumption (or some other heinous crime).

The writer sampled her first taste of muskrat in the early 1980s during the annual Old Frenchtown Days (held in Monroe in mid-August) when one of the participants shared a sample of muskrat cooked in a iron pot suspended over an open fire.

"Don't tell anyone I gave you this. It's illegal," he whispered.

After hearing the warning, eating the illegal delicacy was more delicious than expected.

Plymouth Symphony to perform in Belleville

The Plymouth Symphony will perform a children's concert at 3 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Belleville High School Auditorium, located on Columbia Street.

The appearance is part of the Plymouth Symphony's regular season. The guest artists for this concert are the nationally-known Gemini, a vocal and guitar duo. Tickets are

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available at the door for open seating. Admission is \$8 for all adults, and \$4 for children.

The local sponsor who is underwriting this concert is Pruden-

dential Pickering Real Estate, located on Main Street in Belleville. An Afterglow, to benefit the Art Smart program, will be held at the Prudential office. Dessert and coffee will be served following the concert. Admission to this is \$5 per person, with the members of the orchestra as honored guests.

For more information, or for tickets, call (734) 697-4455.



Keith Bruder admires the stuffed muskrat displayed at Kola's restaurant. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit battles wily thieves

Evolving far beyond the long ago days of cops and robbers into a sophisticated business sustained by a structure so complex--were it legitimate--the underworld business of auto-theft could join the ranks of Fortune 500 companies.

And this ever-increasing sophisticated has become the bane of law enforcement agencies everywhere. Auto theft has long frustrated law enforcement agencies. "The prob-

lem with auto theft, is most officers aren't specially trained in the area--therefore, the ever changing schemes of thieves are often hard to follow," said D/F/Lt. Sandra Miller, member of Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit (WWATU).

WWATU, founded in May 1987, was created to provide the needed continuity to fight auto-theft. Composed of 12 officers from various local police departments (including Detroit Police Department), the

Wayne County Sheriff's Department and Michigan State Police, WWATU focuses solely on cracking the business of auto theft. "Because our team is only devoted to auto-theft, as thieves get more sophisticated, we are able to track the changes in their diverse and varying schemes and respond accordingly," said a 10 year veteran of WWATU whose name can not be revealed.

To illustrate the complex nature of the auto-theft underworld, Miller points to one of WWATU's more recent feats--the Miami Motors case.

"This commercial automotive business acted as a 'legitimate' front to conceal auto-theft activities for the last 15 years and had been a target of every law

As thieves get more sophisticated, we are able to track the changes in their diverse and varying schemes.

- WWATU veteran

enforcement auto theft effort in the metropolitan area, including the Federal Bureau of Investigations," said Miller.

WWATU dedicated thousands of hours to the investigation of the Miami Motors organization, but were unable to get at the core of the network. "The overwhelming number of individual thefts kept the team in a reactive mode all the time," added Miller.

Finally, an informant emerged through the H.E.A.T. (Help Eliminate Auto Thefts) confidential tip reward line to provide the critical intel-

ligence necessary to crack the case and in February of this year, after search warrants were issued, seven kingpins were arrested on multiple felony counts. Additional stolen property was recovered bringing the total of stolen vehicles recovered to 50, as well as the recovery of in excess of 2,000 major component auto parts.

"Without a doubt, the illegal activities of Miami Motors would have continued unabated without the vital role played by H.E.A.T.," said Miller, referring to the Help Eliminate Auto Theft program.



Sandra Miller

ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 98-04

JANUARY 20, 1998

Special meeting of the City Council held January 20, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Members Present: Warfield, Dickerson (7:50), Haidous, Dobrowolski, Powser, Lentine. Members Absent: McEachern, excused. Discussion was held regarding the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority's Waste-to-Energy Project. Adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Doris A. Nall
City Clerk

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NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OF VAN BUREN

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, February 10, 1998**. The following appeal(s), variance(s) or exception(s) will be discussed.

ITEM #1
Armada Gas and Oil is petitioning the Board of Zoning Appeals to consider a request as part of a proposed development on the northeast corner of the intersection of the N. Service Drive and Haggerty Roads. Per the Schedule of Regulations, Article XVII, of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance the front yard setback for a property in the C-1 zoning district shall be 75'. The petitioner is seeking a variance to the requirement to reduce the front yard setback to 34'7".

ITEM #2
Carlisle Engineered Products of 8707 Samuel Barton Drive, Belleville is petitioning the Board of Zoning Appeals to consider a request for a variance to construct four material storage silos at a height of 40'. Per Article XVII of the Township Zoning Ordinance structures in the M-1 Zoning District cannot exceed 30'. The applicant is seeking a 10' height variance.

ITEM #3
Ruby and Otis Green of 6500 Western, Belleville, are petitioning the Board of Zoning Appeals to consider a request for a variance to split the property at 6500 Western that would result in a parcel with dimensions that exceed the four to one depth to width requirement. Per article III, Land Division, Division 4, Section 78-226(4) of the Van Buren Township: a lot depth to width ratio in excess of 4:1 shall be prohibited.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111. Any persons having any interest in, or wishing to make comments regarding any of the above subjects, should attend the meeting or submit any written comments to the Department of Developmental Services by 5:00 p.m. on the meeting date.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Cindy C. King CMC, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

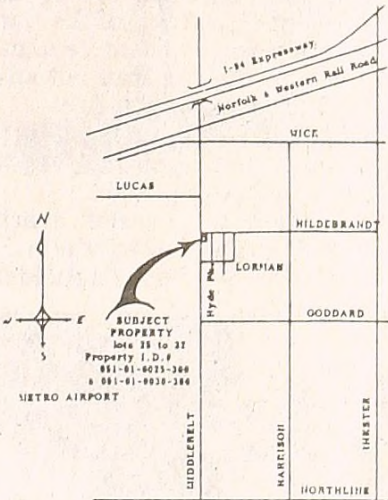
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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING

COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised, that the City of Romulus Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, February 17, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to consider PC-035-06-97, a request to rezone lots 25 to 32 in the Osbergs Airport Estates Subdivision, DP#s 051 01 0025 300, 051 01 0030 300 (the southeast corner of Middlebelt and Hildebrandt Roads) from C-2 (General Business) to C-3 (Highway Service) for an automobile service station.



All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 17, 1998 and should be addressed to Bradley Raymond, Assistant Building, Safety and Engineering Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF INKSTER

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Inkster Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 2, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt, Inkster, MI 48141 to consider submitting a full application for potential infrastructure funding for the Brittany Place Single Family Housing Project and the proposed Salem Park Subdivision Single Family Housing Project. Public comments are invited. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the Community Development Director, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, MI 48141 through 12:00 noon, February 2, 1998. Please reference Brittany Place/Salem Park Single Family Housing Projects in all correspondence.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at (313) 563-3211.

Delphine G. Oden, CMC
City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN

BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, **February 3, 1998** at 7:30 p.m., (or as scheduled on the agenda) for the following special approval request: **CONSIDER THE SPECIAL APPROVAL REQUEST BY TEXT EXPRESS CORP. TO OPERATE A TRUCK STOP ON PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, PARCEL NUMBERS V-125-83-003-99-0020-000, V-125-83-003-99-0021-000, V-125-83-003-99-0022-000, AND V-125-83-003-99-0024-001, A TOTAL OF 7.15 ACRES.**

The meeting will be held in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Belleville, MI 48111. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

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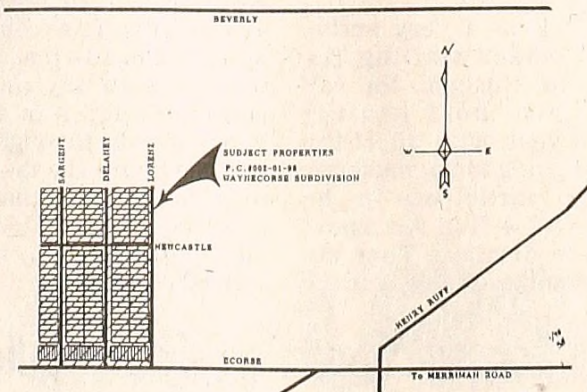
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All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 17, 1998 and should be addressed to Bradley Raymond, Assistant Building, Safety and Engineering Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
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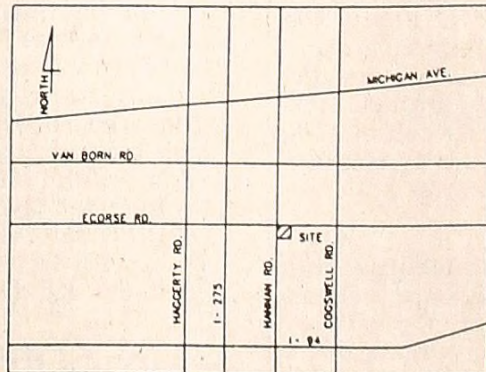
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Seniors on the go

Future holds surprises for retirees

As I visit various locations and talk to a variety of people, I find that the number of "recyclees" is increasing daily.

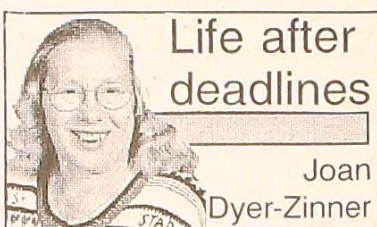
For those unfamiliar with this column, a recyclee is an individual who retires from his or her job and then takes on new tasks — often different from the individual's former work or develops his or her hobby into a full-time occupation.

With early retirements increasing, people with 30 years of employment could be retirees at the age of 48 or 49 or even as young as 46. Obviously, these folks need to be recyclees!

A couple of innovations could make being a recyclee a necessity instead of an option.

The media has been reporting a scientific break-through that could prevent body cells from aging, thus prolonging an individual's active years far beyond our present expectations.

This is great news for everyone but the Social Security administration, which could be faced with the prospect of paying retirement benefits for



Life after deadlines

Joan Dyer-Zinner

much longer periods than currently projected. In 1935 when Social Security was introduced, the life expectancy was about 65 years of age. Since that time, life expectancy has inched up year after year, but, if the new anti-aging process is as successful as expected, life expectancy could take a giant leap — as would the number of years that retirement benefits could be paid.

While it may be a giant headache for the government and a perplexing problem for individual pension planners, I applaud anything that promises to give me additional years of an active, productive life.

Could the next generation be cautioned by financial planners to prepare to cover their living expenses through their 100s or beyond? In that

event, what would be the appropriate retirement age? Even if it's boosted to the mid-70s, retirees could still have some 30 years to sit in their rocking chairs or to recycle themselves into a new career. It's an awesome thought!

Another question comes to mind: if cells age at a slower pace, will this increase the number of possible child-bearing years to include so-called senior citizens. If so, will Social Security benefits cover maternity and child care costs?

I don't even want to think about how Social Security will be funded in the future. However, if I were 25, I'd take two aspirins and start worrying.

If you are a recyclee who has made an interesting switch in careers after retirement, send your name and phone number to Joan Dyer-Zinner, MCN, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, Mich. 48184, and I will feature your story in a future edition.

Editor's note: The writer is the former MCN managing editor, who now writes about life after deadlines.

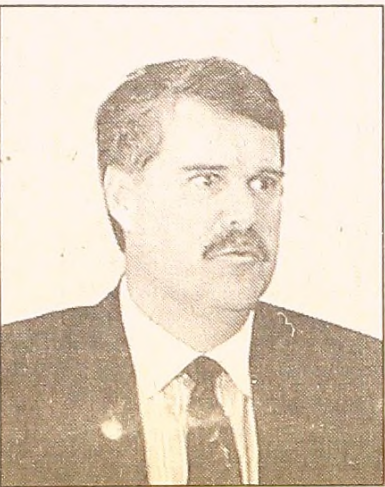
Seniors keep busy with events

There's a full schedule of events planned at the Wayne Senior Activity Center through March.

Here's a rundown:

- 1 p.m. Jan. 27, Investment Group hosts its organizational meeting at the Wayne Senior Activity Center. Bob Birdsall will present suggestions to develop and cultivate a "money garden." Call 721-7460 with any questions.

- 11 a.m. Feb. 6, State Sen. Loren Bennett will host a free pasta luncheon and Senior Information Day. Presentations will include ones on scams, victims rights and personal and property safety. Reserva-



Sen. Loren Bennett will be featured on Feb. 6.

tions are necessary. Call 721-7460.

- 8 p.m. Feb. 14, Valentine's Day Dance with Terry Bee supplying music. Snacks and pizza will be provided with pop. Tickets are \$5 per person.

- 1 to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 27, Senior Insurance Fair will answer questions about Care Choices, HAP Senior Plus, Medicare Gold, Medicare Blue and M Care. To register or obtain information, call 721-7460.

- 1 to 3 p.m. March 20, Estate Planning seminar will feature Kenneth W. Lyon, a certified financial planner. The event is free. Materials will be provided.

Couple celebrates anniversary

Arthur and Joyce (Munyon) Smith of Westland celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Bailey Recreation Center on Jan. 10, 1998.

The couple married on Jan. 10, 1948 in Napoleon, Ohio.

They have five children, Judy, Colleen, Arthur Jr., Kevin, and Marty, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

People attending the celebration include Judy from Westland, Colleen from Dearborn Heights, Arthur and Michelle from Chesterfield, Kevin from Taylor, and Marty and Beth from Canton.

After serving in the Army and Navy, Arthur worked at Detroit Edison for almost 39 years before he retired on Jan. 6, 1990. Joyce refers to herself as a "domestic engineer."

Their hobbies include golf,



Arthur and Joyce Smith

reading the newspaper, spending time with their grandchildren and working in their

yard and traveling.

The Smiths have lived in the community for 43 years.

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Dreams die hard

Truth be known, I did not win the Publisher's Clearinghouse \$10,000,000 sweepstakes. I thought I'd have a chance after receiving three sets of mail and being declared a finalist by the outfit. I did as they said, and anxiously waited next to my entry door during the Super Bowl. They didn't show!

Chalk up another year of needless magazine purchases clogging my mailbox. I've always had this sneaking suspicion that there's an "in" box for those contestants that order magazines and a "trash" bin for those that don't. Even though the literature state unequivocally you needn't purchase anything, do you really believe the winners are people without Field and Stream or Good Housekeeping?

After each Super Bowl, I vow to myself, never to enter again. This is all one big scam to sell magazines. Then, around Jan. 10 of each new year, a new packet comes in the mail. I'm weak financially because I've blown most of my cash on Christmas gifts. I dream of \$10,000,000. I dream of a new car. Or a nice new house with a pool. And wouldn't you know, I soon cannot put the packets down until all the blanks are full.

This year, my packet offered an added hook. Traditionally I've been told I'm in Stage 3 or Stage 4. This year the packet said I was in a select group of finalists! Further, I was to call immediately as to my whereabouts during the Super Bowl. The packet inferred I was to stay home and be available to receive the \$10,000,000.

Like a bass on the end of a professional

angler's line, the hook was set. Despite my vow to abstain, I had to enter this one. As in the past, I checked off five magazines (my warped mind thinks the more magazine you purchase, the better opportunity you have to win) at a cost of nearly \$75. I check all the appropriate boxes and even make the phone call to the telephone bank, explaining my whereabouts on Super Bowl Sunday.

Then the more sensible side of me kicks in. How many others got the same packet? Yes, I am the eternal optimist, but why would I, out of millions, be awarded the \$10,000,000? I bet the number of finalists, just like me, are more than the population of the Detroit area. And then, too, can I really afford \$75 in magazines?

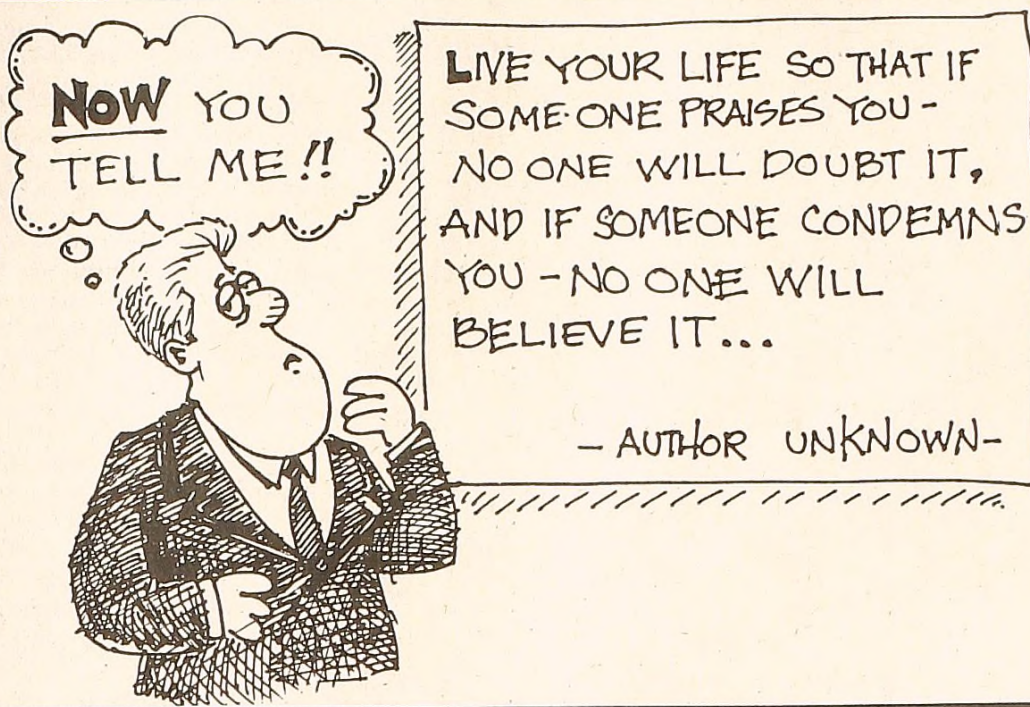
I sent the money and form despite my reservations.

Super Bowl Sunday rolls around. I do my best to keep the phone line clear just in case the Prize Patrol calls. I get ready with my yellow and green Favre jersey and Cheesehead. The Packers are going to bust this one wide open. I just feel it in my bones!

Maybe I should trade for a new set of bones. The Packers were beaten, 31-24, and the Prize Patrol never stopped at the Wilcox residence. Well, there's always next year.



Mike's musings
Mike Wilcox



- AUTHOR UNKNOWN -

Letters to the editor

Idea for razing

To the editor:

The Hudson building is scheduled for razing. We can be prudent by calling in the same set of thieves and hoodlums who plundered and ravaged the Hudson building to finish the job of razing, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars in demolition costs.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

gynecology, confirm that there are false claims, stating that partial birth abortions are a necessity!!

Julianne Pieknik
Westland

Vote 'no'

To the editor:

Westland taxpayers! Vote no on Tuesday Feb. 17!

The taxing elites at the school board are hoping to hit us with an unbelievably huge 100 million dollar tax increase! It will take you 22 years to pay off this bill.

For many years the taxing elites have been diverting the school operating millage to ever higher salaries for school teachers and other employees. They want to continue this trend.

Considering the track record of this school board, do we want to create a 100 million dollar slush fund for their dispersal? Can we trust their judgment? Is it wise to transfer yet another 100 million dollars from hard-pressed private sector pocket books into the school government cesspool?

Vote no on Feb. 17. Its the right thing to do. It's the only thing to do.

Walter Warren
Westland

Get facts, then vote

To the editor:

I am writing about the remarks that are being made regarding, the upcoming bond issue for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. I just can't understand why people make remarks about something when they really have no knowledge about it.

One question that was raised was, "How do we know we are getting the most for our money?" I would ask those that feel that way to attend one of the informational meetings that are being held to see what improvements are being planned for our schools. It

was a group of citizens from this district that went around to each and every building and "they" determined what items were in need of improvement The Michigan Department of the Treasury, with whom the application was filed, visited the district to determine that this was a valid bond issue. The Treasury Department will also monitor the progress of the improvements to make sure that each and every penny will go for the items addressed in the 250 plus page application that was filed with them.

The word "credibility" has been tossed around like "confetti in the wind." But as my grandmother always told me, "don't rehearse...reverse." It is the duty of this Board of Education to reverse the direction in which this district has been going. And, my friends...things are improving. But it can't be done over night, or with people bad mouthing the Board and the Administration because they have a personal problem with some people. I don't see these people walking on water.

All I ask is that you have an open mind...get the facts before you go to vote. Visit your local school building and see for yourself just what is needed. The improvements are posted at every building so you can see just what you are getting for your money.

Let's stop looking in the past. We won't find the answers there...look to the future...that future is our young people.

Ed Turner

Zoning has flaws

To the editor:

I would like to thank the Wayne City Council for affording me the opportunity to speak at the last meeting dealing with the R1-AA zoning ordinance. I would also

See Letters page A-7

Middle Americans should defend Clinton against Beltway

Bill's latest adventure is unfolding so fast that it's risky to write about it in a weekly. He may be history by the time you read this. My better judgment tells me to pass on an unfolding story when it's likely that events will have proven me wrong by the time you read this.

But my better judgment also tells me it's time for Middle Americans to defend the President against fashionable Beltway opinion, which has been too quick to write him off for an alleged affair with an intern, just as it was too quick to embrace his disarming Arkansas charm.

A brilliant man with incredible political abilities, the president has racked up more domestic accomplishments than Bush, Reagan, Carter, Ford, Nixon, and Johnson. The economy is humming, the budget is balanced, and social programs are being reformed. Within the two-party centrist consensus that appears to govern our country for the sake of holding on to power, it's rare to see someone actually work to improve health care, to develop national education standards, to give parents the time off to raise their babies, or to have raised the minimum wage. While I may disagree with aspects of these measures, I must give the Devil his due. He got them done.

While falling short of Reagan's victory in the cold war and Nixon's opening of China, Clinton has led the free world well, certainly much better than expected. America is still in the driver's seat. The Western World

is mostly at peace and, thanks to his intervention in Bosnia, free of genocide. What else should we ask for?

In contrast to what we should ask for, his opponents are considering what they could ask for: his impeachment for his alleged sleazy private life and the lies he allegedly tells to conceal it.

While I wouldn't waste ink to champion his relationship with Monica Lewinski or the example he sets for his daughter Chelsea, I must defend his right to a private life that is none of my business or yours. This is the old defense of sex between consensual adults, which must be defended before the sex police and the thought Mafia poke their noses in your bedroom and mine.

This is not to say anything goes, just that it's not the government's business to judge adults' romantic behavior.

Morality works best at the family and community level, where Lewinski, the President, and the First Lady can hash out their own problems.

Romance will never be the same once special prosecutors can charge a President for perjury just because he doesn't kiss and tell.



Ivan Helfman



Thanks a Million

WEEKLY SYNDICATED COLUMN BY PERCY ROSS

Millionaire Percy Ross is known for his philanthropic work. He offers help and encouragement for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both. His motto: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."

Go Out On A Limb For Old Mother Hubbard

Dear Percy Ross: My next door neighbor is an elderly woman. She generally keeps to herself, but when the police were over last week, I decided I should check on her. This woman has 2 sons that treat her like the dirt beneath their feet. Not only did they steal the cash she had, they also beat her up when she tried to call 911. Thank goodness there is now a restraining order against them.

Maybe the police can stop her sons from getting in, but Old Man Winter has also penetrated her walls. It was so cold in her house that I found her wrapped in blankets sitting by her electric stove. Her house is heated by gas and in order to pay her use each month she keeps the thermostat set real low. Could you surprise her with a check this winter so she can heater her house sufficiently? Evidently her fixed income and recent loss won't allow her to live in humane conditions.

Mrs. F. J. ... Prairie Publications, Dell Rapids, SD

Dear Mrs. J.: Thanks for getting involved. Your neighbor's sense of isolation and despair would only increase if you remained detached. I suggest you apply the \$500 I'm sending to her gas account. That way each month until warmer weather arrives her statement will show a credit. Then, I ask you to go a little further out on a limb. Please contact your local social services and learn what type of fuel assistance she may be eligible for. One last thing, please spend the additional \$200 I'm sending on groceries to stock her cupboards. After all, it's the neighborly thing to do.



Dear Mr. Ross: My son is at the crossroads in life where a bad choice can lead to destruction. As a single parent who has had no financial support, I've tried my best. He's 15 and desperately needs a new winter jacket. It's sad to think that it's a lousy jacket that could

cause him to drop out of school, but that's the sad reality. Peer pressure is enormous nowadays and he's ridiculed for wearing his grandfather's ill-fitting, old jacket. Believe me, I've had to think twice about either paying rent or buying him a new jacket, but I fear eviction. If we can just hang on a little longer, things have to improve. Please show me a sign that things will get better.

Ms. A. N. ... The Star, Hermantown, MN

Dear Ms. N.: We can measure dollars, but hope is infinite. The \$500 I'm sending will outfit your son with new winter clothes, but my hope is that it will also fuel your spirits with a brighter outlook for tomorrow.



Dear Ross: I don't fault you for not sending me \$40,000. But what's with turning down my \$20,000 request? What's a measly \$20,000 to a man like you? Ninety-nine percent of my problems could have been erased, but instead now they are worse. You're a horrible man and have ruined my chance in life to become something. You must be a Nazi sympathizer because you destroy people and take pleasure in doing so.

Ms. L. B. ... Sunday Post, West Bend, WI

Dear Ms. B.: You have little basis to be angry with me for turning down your request for an outlandish sum of money. I, on the other hand, have plenty reason to be upset with you for calling me a Nazi sympathizer. And if you wonder why, just ask my Jewish ancestors.

Editor's note: Check your local radio station for Percy Ross' call of the day and visit his web site at www.thanksamillion.com

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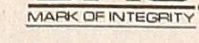
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School bulletin board

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Area students make dean's list at Schoolcraft

Students from around the area have been named to the dean's list at Schoolcraft college.

The following students have been named to the dean's list at Schoolcraft College: Richard Michael Abraham, Robert Stephen Bellers, Robert Paul Downey, Matthew Kidd, Heather Starr Monte, Aaron Joseph Peacock, Tonya Jolene Rhea and William Cole Zarzecki of Wayne; Jessica Lynn Bishop, David Michael Dangler and Dee W. Kelly of Belleville; Julie Kay Fater, Austine Diane Jernigan, Sandra Lynn Knasiak and Melissa Ann Plave of Romulus; Matthew Eric Allen, Billie Bernice Beaton, Melina Mai Kowal and Amy Lynn Orosz from Inkster.

Those from Canton included, Todd Michael Allen, Colleen Lynn Atkinson, John Robert Austin, Sheri Mae Ayala, Kanwaldeep S. Bagri, Gretchen Marie Baisch, Jamie Paul Benner, Allison Faye Berzel, Sharon J. Black, Jessica Rayner Bonno, Corey Thomas Brake, Shelly Dawn Brown,

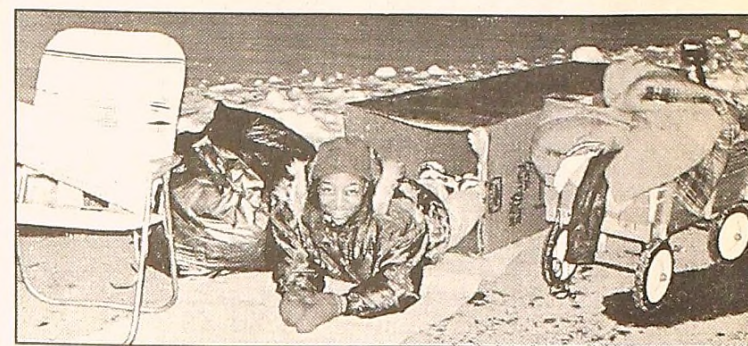
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Also from Canton were Jennifer Dianda Nowacki, Cesar Augusto Perez, Patricia Emily Persechini, Janelle Lynn Pomaranski, Ristenka Pnaro, Tali Lea Raphael, Faisal Rasheed, Jayne Marie Roberts, Scott M. Robichaud, Steven H. Rosenberg, Philip Thomas Rugenski, Timothy Michael Schantz, Melinda Anne Schneider, Kimberly Anne Shoening, Cynthia

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Westland residents on the list included Charis Naomi Aiello, Lori Ann Ardelean, Jeremy E. Atherton, Maureen Louise Baker, Douglas Bender, Rhonda Marie Binaghi, Beverly Ann Bishop, Kristen Leigh Blackkann, Carlos Souberbeille Bonilla, Gina B. Carter, Jamie Lyn Churchman, Erin Marie Clayton, Matthew Scott Colip, Joell Marie Edmunds, Andrea Leigh Egeler, Christopher A. Eichsteadt, Amy Dawn Eye, Gary Wayne Fannon Jr., Rebeka Farah, Melissa Lynn Flory, Nancy Jane Geary, Jason Michael Gildea, Leo Patrick Girard, Frank Robert Gonzales, An-

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Homeless life

Romulus High School student Amber Long prepares for a sleep-over night in a large cardboard box -- symbolizing the life on the street of a homeless person. The school effort entitled "Mega Difference Day" was conducted to give youth an unforgettable memory of homelessness. MCN Special Photo

Scholarship awarded to Canton man

Jonathan Kamin of Canton Township, has been awarded an Allen Pre-Ministerial Scholarship at Valparaiso University, where he is a freshman.

Kamin is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences and is a classics and pre-seminary double major. He is a member of Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

The Allen Pre-Ministerial Scholarship is awarded on the basis of recommendations from pastors and teachers who are planning to prepare for church professions within the Lutheran Church. The award is renewable for up to four years if the student maintains a satisfactory academic record. The university is located in Indiana.

Bachelor's degree received

Christina Camilli, daughter of Richard and Jane Camilli, graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor on Dec. 20 with a bachelor of science degree. Her major was communication studies.

Christina is presently working at Ford Motor Company, World Headquarters, as an administrative consultant for Ford World News. She graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 1993.

Local students prepare for tour of Washington, D.C.

As plans for expanded medical coverage and child care initiatives are discussed, the President and Congress continue their debates on national priorities. While the country continues to discuss the president's ideas, a total of 24 Plymouth-Canton and Plymouth-Salem high school students and teachers, Arlene Paquette and Bill Gretzinger,

will be in Washington to learn, first hand, how American government operates.

The group will travel there next week to participate in the Close-Up Foundation government studies program. The Plymouth-Canton students making the trip are Duncan Burgess, Carla D'Asenzo, Melanie Digasbarro, Marcia

Gottschalk, Matthew Hamilton, Sean Kaufman, Gmela Nance, Jessica Palis, Edward Paschewich, and Kimberly Tamme. Those from Plymouth-Salem are Megan Bohr, Russel Bonsall, Valerie Brown, Jessica Bucks, Elizabeth Gizicki, Brandi Groves, Patrick Johnson, Ryan King, Kristen Kukhahn, Eric Reynolds, Ryan Silva, and Jason Todd.

During their time in Washington, the students will attend seminars with members of the Washington press corps, lobbyists, government officials and political figures to learn more about the federal process. Also included in their schedules will be tours of the city, visits to local universities and cultural activities.

Edison gives back to schools, community

Between January and December 1997, Detroit Edison and the Detroit Edison Foundation have granted more than \$200,000 to 45 nonprofit organizations in western and downriver Wayne County communities.

Among the major grants were: \$112,000 for the Parent Connector program at Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, located in Wayne. The Parent Connector is an educational intervention program for preschool children in the Westwood, Lincoln Park, Ecorse, Inkster, Van Buren, Romulus and Wayne/Westland school districts; and \$1,000 for the PNA Hall roof renovation project in Sumpter Township.

Madonna University re-

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The Detroit Edison Foundation's two-year pledge contrib-

utes to Madonna University's \$15 million comprehensive campaign to implement and sustain technology systems, renew and renovate buildings and expand the scholarship endowment for students who qualify and need financial aid.

"Our gift to Madonna University supports one of the Detroit Edison Foundation's top priorities: education," said Charlotte "Charlie" Mahoney, regional manager for Detroit Edison. "A well-educated workforce benefits our entire region."

Upon implementation, the new integrated computerized management system will make student and university information accessible immediately. For example, an advisor may access a student's

records while they meet and make changes immediately without referring the student to another university office. The new system also will give the university the ability to partner electronically with other schools and offer expanded Web site capabilities, including links to other sites.

"We commend the Detroit Edison Foundation for its role as a vital corporate citizen," said Sister Mary Francilene Van de Vyer, CSSF, president of Madonna University. "It is critical partnerships such as these that allow Madonna University to continue to provide innovative educational programs linked to 'state-of-the-art' technology, enabling our students to succeed both now and in the 21st century."

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Impact of Pope's trip to Cuba will be felt for years

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Pope John Paul II's historic trip to Cuba will have a major impact on Cubans in coming months/years, just as the Pope's visits to other lands have done, Father Rick Thomson, pastor of St. Aloysius Catholic Church of Romulus, predicted Monday morning.

"I'm convinced that the Pope's five day visit will have a key impact on the future of Cuba, including the hearts and minds of the general populace, as well as its governmental leaders," Thomson added. He then expressed the feelings that the expected changes may not happen over night, but in the near future as they did in Poland and other eastern European nations.

His visit also has given a major spiritual lift to Cubans and other Hispanics throughout the Detroit Metro area, several Catholic leaders said.

The Pope stood as a visible symbol of Christians around the world -- not just Catholicism, the Romulus priest concluded.

Detroit Cardinal Adam Maida said on returning from Cuba Sunday night "the seeds have been planted. There is no question that (the Pope's visit) is the first of many giant steps (needed) to be taken in the near future."

Pope John Paul II concluded his visit to Cuba this past Sunday clearly elevating religious expression in one of the last lands where communism reigns supreme.

Even Cuban leader Fidel Castro admitted that his country that had been an official



Lt. Col. William Speck

athiest state until as late as 1992, most surely will see an increase in religious life.

With heavy Salvation Army relief services still currently going on in the New York and New England area, it was announced that similar services are now happening in the rural Roaring Creek area of North Carolina.

An official Salvation Army communique stated "a week after torrential rain forced residents of Roaring Creek from their homes, many are still reeling from the effects of flooding."

Thus Army personnel have been working feverishly to keep up with requests for supplies from flood survivors, who cannot make it to Army distribution centers.

Army couriers thus are delivering food, clothing, cleaning supplies and other necessities by truck.

The Army also served more than 1,200 meals to residents and relief workers and are now distributing vouchers for other food supplies and con-

struction materials.

Those wishing to help out should mark their donations to the Salvation Army -- "Disaster Relief" -- and mail them to the Salvation Army at 2300 Venoy road, Westland.

Salvation Army Col. Franklyn and Joan Thompson will assume leadership of the Army's Eastern Michigan office in Southfield on Feb. 1. Franklyn Thompson will replace Col. William Speck as divisional commander of the eastern half of the Army in the state and his wife, Joan, will take over as director of women's operations.

The Thompsons come to the greater Detroit area from Jamaica, where they served as territorial leaders for the Army's Caribbean Territory since 1995. That area included Jamaica, Guyana, Barbados, Trinidad, Antigua, Belize, Cuba, Surinam, the Bahamas, Haiti and French Guiana.

In addition to the Caribbean area, the Thompsons also have had Army service times in the Cleveland area and in Australia.

Speck, who also for a short time headed the current statewide anti-casino effort, is leaving Michigan to assume a post as head of the Army's midwest personnel office in Illinois.

A special loss seminar series will be conducted at the First Baptist Church of Wayne on Thursday evenings in March.

Senior Pastor Larry D. Rowland said the four week loss seminar will be conducted at 7 p.m. on March 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the church located at 36125

Glenwood in Wayne.

The seminar will address such discussion topics as:

- How does grief impact us?
- What can we do ahead of time to lessen the impact of loss when it comes?

- What is the normal grief process we can expect when we lose persons we love?

- What can we learn from scripture that will help us successfully travel the road to grief recovery?

- What are practical, effective ways to help others who are grieving?

The leader of the sessions will be Ruth Sissom, a registered nurse and author of two books on grief. The books are *Instantly a Widow* a personal story of her struggle to adjust to life after the tragic loss of her husband and *Moving Beyond Grief* pointed experiences of those who have grieved the deaths of loved ones due to AIDS, murder, Alzheimer Disease, cancer, suicide or a plane crash.

Each time will be concluded with a social time with refreshments, Rowland said.

Father George Rutler, program host for the "Eternal Word Television Network" will be the guest speaker at Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus at 7 p.m. Feb. 12.

His presentation "Capitalism after Marxism" will be free.

Rutler has earned degrees at Dartmouth College, John Hopkins University and Oxford University. The titles of two of his books are *The Impatience of Job* and *Beyond Modernity*.

For more information call 734-432-5354.

Hundreds from Michigan at D.C. rally

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Hundreds of Michigan residents were among the 200,000 pro-life supporters, who gathered in Washington D.C. last week to press for a change in U.S. legislation governing abortion laws.

The rally marked the 25th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision that opened the flood gates for abortions to be performed across the U.S.

Three of the first speakers introduced by Nellie Gray, national president of the March for Life organization, were a famous early abortion practitioner from New York state and the two women, who used the names Mary Doe and Jane Roe in early court battles.

Dr. Bernard Nathanson, the former N.Y. abortionist, said he doubts if Roe vs. Wade will ever be overturned in the courts, but he is glad to see it is being overturned in persons

What is morally wrong can never be legally right. First they lied and said only 500 babies were killed via partial birth abortions.

- Jim Bunning

minds as 50 percent of Americans now believe abortion is murder.

That number is growing each year, Nathanson added. Sandra Cano (known as Mary Doe) told the gathering "I was poor, pregnant and uneducated" when pro-choice forces used her in the Supreme Court to advance abortion cases.

"I never asked for an abortion. I believed then and still do today that abortion is murder," Cano declared.

Norma McCorrey (known as Jane Roe in court a quarter of a century ago) cried out "I lied then...but I have repented."

McCorrey, who now lists herself as a Christian, claimed

years ago that she was gang raped and tried many places unsuccessfully to obtain an abortion. Today she says she was not raped and that she really only tried one office in an effort to obtain an abortion.

One of the many congressmen to attend the rally was Rep. Steve Chabot (R-Ohio) who said "today happens to be my birthday. It is ironic that I am celebrating life, when we also have to record 37 million babies have died in abortionists' hands in 25 years."

Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-Md) declared the wholesale deaths in abortion clinics has people questioning if America is a civilized nation or not.

"President Clinton today is feeling the pain (alluding to the current sex crisis that is putting his administration at risk), but sadly the pain he feels does not come from aborted children."

Rep. Jim Bunning, the former Detroit Tiger pitcher and now a congressman from Kentucky, called out "what is morally wrong can never be legally right. First they lied and said only 500 babies were killed via partial birth abortions, then they raised the number to 5,000 and later even to 50,000."

No matter what the number is, the action is equivalent to infanticide.

Rep. Mike DeWine, (R-Ohio), vowed "we (in Congress) will bring the issue of banning partial birth abortions back to you Mr. President and hope that you follow the people's lead to sign the bill."

DeWine and others at the rally stated that 80 percent of Americans support the partial birth abortion ban.

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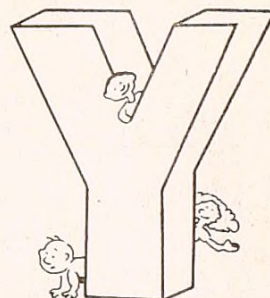
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Moment of truth

Top-ranked Romulus awaits defending champ Wayne Memorial

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The moment of truth is at hand for Romulus.

If the Eagles want to stay on top of the league and their game they will have to beat three-time defending Mega Conference Red Division champ, Wayne Memorial.

The showdown will be staged Friday night at Romulus, and both coaches agree that the game is a crucial one for both teams.

At mid-season, Romulus coach Guy DelGiudice figured his team would be in the midst of the title chase.

The veteran Romulus coach also knew his players would have to beat Wayne, the defending champ, if they wanted anything to do with the title this year.

What he probably didn't figure on is that, at mid-season, his Eagles are ranked No. 3 in the state (all classes) and No. 1 in the state's Class B state polls.

And polls can be used to fire up any opponent.

Is Romulus' ranking in the polls an added incentive for Wayne?

Does Wayne need an added incentive to go after the Eagles as the two prepare to face off

"The fact is that Romulus has so many weapons that can destroy you."

- Coach Chuck Henry

for the first time this year?

"I said at the beginning that I felt that the road to the title went through Wayne, and nothing that has happened since has changed my mind," said DelGiudice. "There may be a few people out there that may think that Wayne has lost a few more games than they usually do, but believe me this year's Wayne team is as talented as

the teams they have had in the past."

"The way this game is shaping up is that it is going to be one heck of a ball game."

Wayne coach Chuck Henry agreed.

Henry said he felt that Romulus and River Rouge were teams who stood one head above the others in the division.

"The fact is that Romulus has so many weapons that can destroy you. They are deep and talented, and I just feel we have to play our best to even stay close. We don't look at polls or anything like that. We know that they're good, and we have to do everything to get them out of their game plan. "And, yes, we all know that there is a lot riding on this game."

Wayne tuned up for the showdown with an impressive victory over Belleville (See **Related Story**), while Romulus picked up its fifth consecutive and its eighth overall victory in nine starts at the expense of

Willow Run.

Romulus shot down the Flyers 77-65 to remain undefeated in the Mega Red.

The game was close for three quarters. The Eagles led 23-15 after the first-period lead, but Willow Run came back on Richard Williams' long range shooting to cut the Romulus lead 38-33 at half-time.

Williams, who nailed three treys for the game and finished with a team high 13 points, kept the Flyers airborne in the third quarter as the newcomer to the division closed to within

See **TRUTH**, page B-2

Tigers dominate Romulus tourney

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With more than 25 points to spare, Belleville wrestlers captured the Eighth Annual Royal Wrestling Invitational, hosted by Romulus.

The Tigers surfaced with 192 points, beating out its closest opponent, Lansing Eastern, the tournament's runnerup. Eastern compiled 166.5 points, edging Howell (161.0) for the second-place team trophy.

"Belleville definitely was the best team in this tournament this year," said Romulus coach Vern Logan, who praised the competitors for their outstanding sportsmanship during the daylong meet. "There were some really exciting matches, especially in the first and second rounds. The fans didn't go away disappointed."

Trailing the top three finishers in the field of 14 were the host, Romulus, which was fourth with 130.0 points, followed by Rochester (108), Birmingham Brother Rice (107.5), Troy Athens (102), East Detroit (97), Lansing Sexton (81.5), Battle Creek Central (59), Flint Northern (55.5), Plymouth-Canton (47), and Farmington which finished in a two-way tie with Walled Lake Western for the last slot. Each had 38.5 points.

The 13 gold medals went to: Carl Hammaker (Heavyweight - Brother Rice); Brian Eman (103 - Rochester); Nick Thraxayadong (122 - Lansing Sexton); Bill Chapman (119 - Romulus); Richard Bair (125 - Howell); Mario Bastianelli (130 - Troy Athens); Curtis Fillar (135 - East Detroit); Morgan Mullins (140-Belleville); Alex Hance (145 - Romulus); Mike Klein (152 - East Detroit); Rick Samona (160-Brother Rice); Danny Thompson (171 - Walled Lake Western); Keyon Sanders (189 - Flint Northern); and Tom Agveros (215 - Lansing Eastern).

Chapman met Lansing Sexton's Joe Hirojosa in the finals of their 119- pound bout and the Romulus grappler came off the mat with a 6-3 victory.

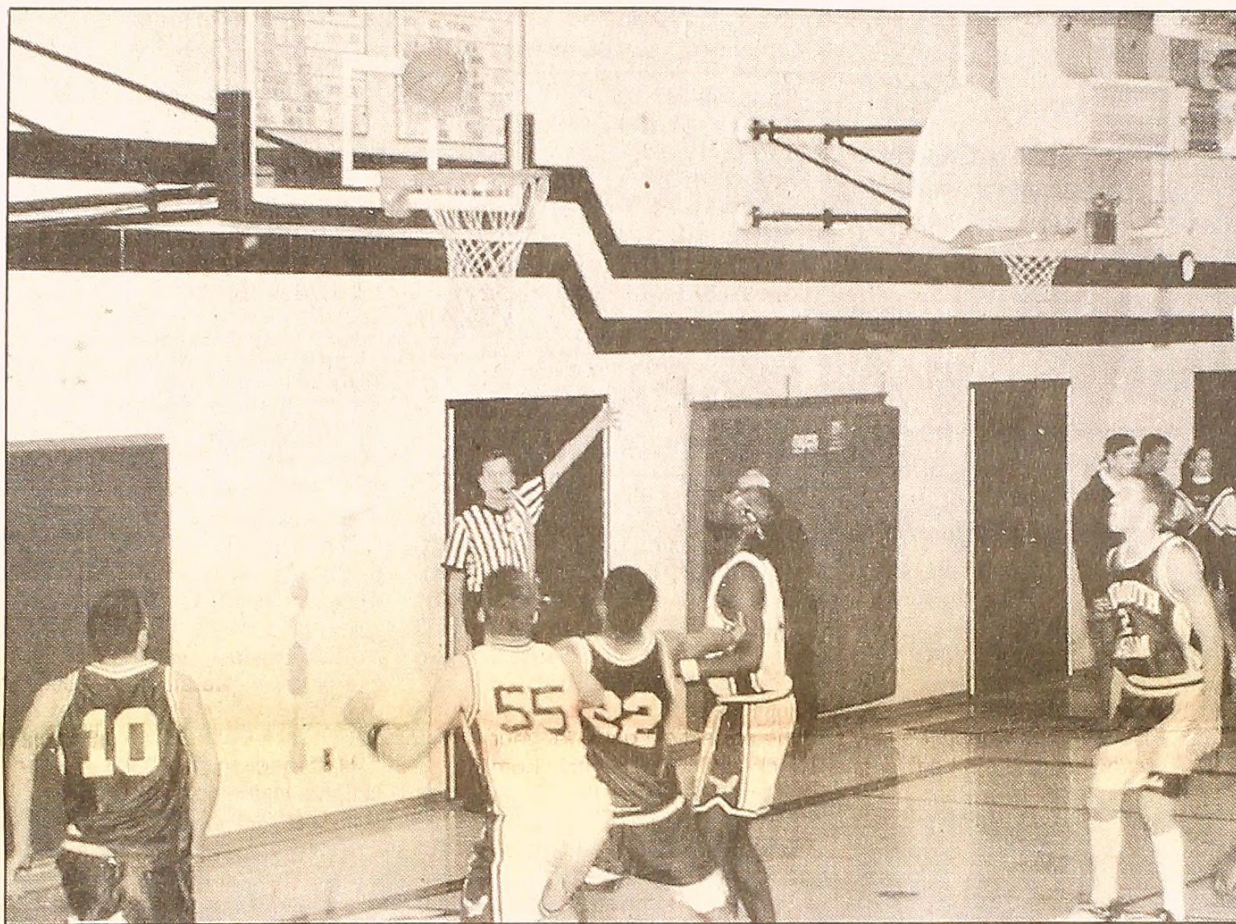
Hance pinned Tory Ruffin for his gold. The Romulus 145-pounder disposed of his opponent from Flint Northern in 4:09.5.

Thompson had his dream of winning the gold shattered in the 160-weight division when he dropped a close 6-4 decision to Birmingham Rice's Rich Samona.

But Thompson was no match for Flint's Keyon Sanders who pinned his rival in 56 seconds.

Romulus also received a

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Salem's Bhavin Patel (22), sandwiched between two Farmington players, uses muscle to get the rebound. The Rocks overpowered their Western Lakes Conference opponents to stay undefeated in the conference. MCN special photo

Are Salem, Glenn on title collision course?

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Although neither Bob Brodie or Mike Schuette are talking publicly about it, their teams appear to be on a direct collision course in the Western Lakes Conference.

That collision, some believe, will produce the next Western Lakes Conference basketball champ.

Brodie's Rocks at Plymouth-Salem crushed Farmington 76-41 Friday night to remain unbeaten in four conference starts, while Glenn, the same evening, had a shaky but winning performance at Livonia Stevenson to keep in pace.

Rockets survive close call

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Enigmatic Westland John Glenn, sitting high but precariously atop of the Western Lakes hoop world, found winless Livonia Stevenson eager to prove that their 0-7 record was not a true indication of their talent.

And, after their close call at Stevenson Friday night, you probably won't hear an argument to the contrary from Glenn.

The Stevenson hotshots had the Rockets on the run most of the evening as the Spartans jumped out to a 25-9 lead Friday night on their home court

See **ROCKETS**, page B-2

Belleville leaps from fire into Rouge frying pan

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With state-ranked River Rouge next on Belleville's hoop schedule, and after back-to-back losses to traditional rivals Romulus and Wayne Memorial, can the Tigers and coach Rod Fisher bounce back?

Relief may not immediately be in sight for the battle-weary Tigers who have to face a Rouge team that is ranked among the top 10 best in all classes in the state.

But Tuesday night they take on a 1-9 Inkster, and that may just be the cure for the ailing Tigers.

The Inkster game also will launch the second round of the Mega Conference Red Division.

Fisher, in his sophomore season as the Tiger head coach, has seen better days. But right now his team is hurting and is a couple of steps out of the league's cellar, an atypical place for the Tigers so late in the season.

The Tigers' 73-52 loss to Wayne Memorial Friday night didn't help, although they managed to show state-ranked Romulus that they remain a team to contend with.

Romulus pulled out a 67-53 victory over the Tigers, and they did it on the Belleville home court.

Romulus coach Guy DelGiudice was especially elated about the win. He noted that it was the first time since he had taken over the team seven years ago that it had managed to win at Belleville.

"It was a very good game to win."

- Guy DelGiudice

"It was not an easy 'W', DelGiudice pointed out. "But it was a good game, and a typical Romulus-Belleville game. Neither team had more than a six or seven point edge at any given time. It was a very good game to win."

Belleville trailed by a basket at the end of the first period (16-14) as the Tiger defense had its problems stopping the 1-2 Romulus punch of Brandon DeYampert and Melvin Hicks.

DeYampert, who scored a game high 22 points for the evening, sparked a 22-point Eagle second quarter that lifted them to a 38-29 lead at halftime.

But Belleville didn't cave in. The Tigers rallied behind Kevin and John Edwards who kept the outcome of the game in doubt until midway in the fourth quarter when Romulus erupted for four unanswered baskets.

Kevin Edwards' 11 points led the Tigers. Kevin's cousin, John Edwards, chipped in with eight.

DeYampert's 22 and nine rebounds led all scorers. Hicks finished with 16 while Myron Gray added 11 and Reggie Kirkland tossed in nine for the Tigers who also made 10 of 16 from the free throw line.

Belleville made only one of six from the stripe.

Wayne is at best against Tigers

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne unveiled its best for longtime basketball rival Belleville Friday night.

Playing on the home court before a packed crowd, coach Chuck Henry's Zebras galloped past their Mega Conference Red Division foes, 73-52, for their third consecutive Mega Conference Red Division victory.

It also happened to be the worst beating a Wayne hoop club had inflicted on the Tigers in recent memory.

However, Belleville went into the crucial game without center Spencer Lewis, who did not dress for the duel. Lewis is nursing a leg injury.

"I felt that we caught them without one of their key players and also they were coming off of a loss to Romulus," said Henry afterwards.

"But let me say this, I felt

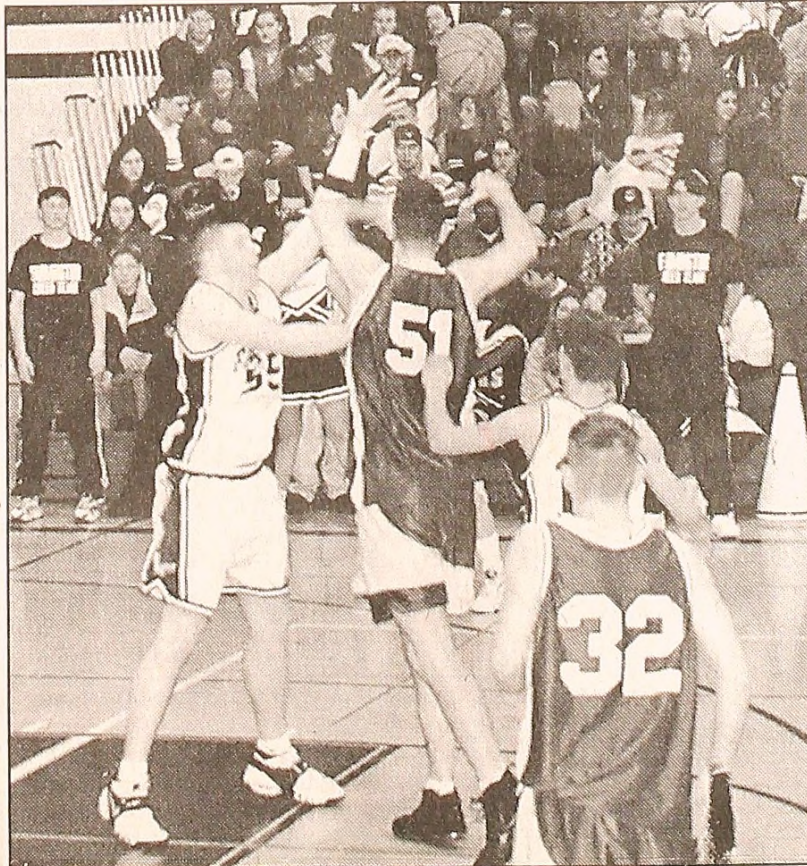
that this was our best game on offense in quite some time. We showed patience and good shot selection."

With Lewis out of the lineup and with the Edwards cousins off-target most of the evening, C. J. Grantham was forced to pick up the slack for the Tigers. But even his one-man show didn't save the team.

Belleville fell behind 13-7 and did not manage to get back into the game until it was too late. Wayne took a 32-19 lead at the intermission and turned that into a 19-point cushion for three quarters (49-23). After that the outcome of this game was never in doubt.

Grantham scored 19 points, the tops for the evening. On the other side of the scoring ledger, there was balance provided by Quentin Turner, who scored a Wayne high 15 points, while teammate Shomari Dunn, a 6-3 senior forward,

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Plymouth-Salem center Tony Jancevski (51) dishes off to the wing in what proved to be an easy Salem victory. MCN special photo

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Belleville medalists also in-

The Tigers also got bronzes from heavyweight Dave Sanders, Brian Williams (103), Ryan Bird (119), and Derrick McCarter (145) while the tournament champs finished fourth with 160-pounder Steve Wolf, and placed fifth with Bill Maples (125), Joe Barnabee (135) and Mark Eschendacke (171).

In dual meet competition last week, Wyandotte turned back Romulus 47- 21 in a Mega Conference Red Division encounter. The Eagles will return to the mats tonight (Thursday) at Lincoln Park, also a conference meet.

Then, on Saturday, Logan's Eagles will travel to the Avondale Invitational.

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A black and white photograph of a basketball player in a white jersey with "WAYNE 5" on the back, jumping to shoot a basketball. A crowd of spectators is visible in the background.

Wayne's junior guard Reddick Borkins (5) goes unchallenged to the hoop for two of his points. Photo by Aaron Ortiz

Dearborn's Jason Herrick led all scorers with 17. Colin Wilkinson and Colin O'Donnell each chipped in with 11 points.

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Romulus hit on eight of 10 opportunities in the final quarter.

Hicks scored a game high 21 points. DeYampert accounted for 18 points and eight rebounds. Reggie Kirkland

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Trailing by eight (48-40) after three, Glenn staged a dramatic 10-0 run that startled the Spartans. That run incident-

Tied at 11 all after one, Glenn managed to eke in front 24-18 before the half and re-

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"The kids are helping each other out, and team effort reflects in the final results," the veteran coach stressed. "But, this is basketball, and you

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The kids are helping
each other out.
- Bob Brodie

never know. Look what happened to Glenn over there at

Seventeen teams will meet on Saturday at Inkster High School to decide the 1998 Viking Wrestling Invitational champ.

And Inkster coach Sam Ellis believes his grapplers have an outside chance of walking off with the top prize.

"When you have so many good teams and wrestlers, you never know what will happen," Ellis said. "I believe we have some kids who if they wrestle

well can win it.
 "And if they do well as individuals it will increase our chances of winning the overall title."

But with some of the finest teams in the state, including Temperance- Bedford, who has won a slew of Class A state titles, it won't be easy for the Vikings. Ellis picked Bedford as the favorite, but he also sees Troy, Carlson and Edsel Ford in the tight race.

Wrestling begins at 9:30 a.m. in the high school gym, located on Middlebelt Road, about a quarter-mile South of Michigan Avenue.

The teams that have accepted the invitation to compete, along with those that have mentioned, include Waterford Mott, Waterford Kettering, Highland Park, River Rouge, Willow Run, Riverview Grosse Ile, Airport, Oak Park Woodhaven, Memphis and Ypsilanti Lincoln.

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Alcini is the daughter of Barbara A. and George W. Holmes of Geddes Road, Canton.

She is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, Canton.



Michelle Alcini

Navy Fireman Arthur D. Meadows, son of Robert A. Meadows of Cavell Street, Westland, spent the holidays deployed to the Mediterranean and Arabian seas aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Carney.

He joined the Navy in October 1991.

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Mark S. Braidwood has been named noncommissioned officer of the quarter.

He is the son of Janice K. Carbray of Flint, and Duane C. Braidwood of Canton.

Army Pfc. Scott W. Thompson has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Thompson is the son of Sharon R. Wallen of Westland.

Army Pvt. Jonathon D. Williams has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Williams is the son of Brenda Joyce Penn of Romulus.

Army Pvt. Muhammad K. Nasir Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Nasir is the son of Muhammad K. Nasir and Elaine Howard of Belleville.

Air Force Airman Kris A. Andaur has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Andaur is the son of Lynn M. Andaur and stepson of Robert Grace of Gladys Ave., Westland, Mich.

His wife, Stephanie, is the daughter of Richard and JoAnne Smith of W. Bella Vista, Lakeland, Fla.

The airman is a 1997 graduate of Kathleen Senior High School, Lakeland.

Army Pvt. Jason E. Pitts has graduated from basic military training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

Pitts is the son of Katherine G. Pitts of Alpena, Westland.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Danny J. Chila, son of Tony J. and Donna M. Chila of Westland, Mich., spent the holidays deployed to Atsugi, Japan, with Carrier Early Warning Squadron 115.

The 1982 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne joined the Navy in February 1983.

Army Spec. Christopher P. Chirpka has returned to Fort

Drum, Watertown, N.Y., after a seven-month deployment to Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Guard. The returning soldiers are the last element of the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) from Fort Drum to leave Bosnia.

While deployed to Bosnia, the soldiers' mission was to defend a vital bridge that will be assigned to replacement troops.

The commander of the 10th Mountain Division commended the soldiers for serving and accomplishing their mission with great pride and integrity.

Chirpka, a signal support system specialist, is the son of Kenneth C. Chirpka of Redford, and brother of Susan Patterson of Westland.

Air Force Airman Michelle K. Sallans has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Sallans is the daughter of Alan B. and Angela R. Sallans of Canyon, Westland.

She graduated in 1997 from John Glenn High School, Westland.



Michelle Sallans



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FRANKI, SOPHIE L.
 Age 85, of Canton, passed
 away Jan. 24, 1998. Lov-
 ing mother of Francis
 (James) Krick and William
 (Brenda) Fraki. Also sur-
 vived by 4 grandchildren
 and 8 great grandchildren.
 Services were held Jan. 27
 from Vermeulen Funeral
 Home of Westland.

HEDGER, PAULINE R.
 Age 66, of Livonia, passed
 away Jan. 21, 1998. Lov-
 ing wife of the late Thom-
 as. Dear mother of Buck
 and Philip Johnson. Also
 survived by many nieces
 and nephews. Services
 were held Jan. 24 from Uht
 Funeral Home in West-
 land. Cremation rites were
 accorded.

HENRICK, BETTY S.
 Age 32, of Garden City,
 passed away Jan. 20,
 1998. Beloved wife of Mat-
 thew Podlewski. Loving
 mother of John and Tim-
 othy. Dearest daughter of
 Kathie Benich and the
 late Harold Henrick. Ser-
 vices were held Jan. 24
 from Uht Funeral Home of
 Westland with interment at
 Roseland Park Cemetery.

HOLLINGSWORTH, WIL-
LIAM P.
 Age 77 of Canton, passed
 away January 20, 1998.
 Beloved husband of Ros-
 amond. Dear father of
 Diane (Dennis), Judith Pit-
 era and Nancy (James).
 Also survived by 8 grand-
 children and 7 great grand-
 children. Services were
 held January 22 at St. The-
 odore Catholic Church with
 arrangements by Vermeulen
 Funeral Home of Westland.

MILLER, ROBERT J.
 of Douglas MI, passed
 away Jan. 24, 1998 at Har-
 bors Health Care Facility in
 Douglas at the age of 68.
 The son of William and
 Frances, Robert was born
 in Wayne MI on Jan. 21,
 1930. He graduated from
 and later taught at the Ray
 Vogue School of Interior
 Design in Chicago. Robert
 has recently worked at
 Handle With Care
 Antiques in Saugatuck, MI.
 Robert is survived by his
 brother, William and Bea-
 trice Miller of Ypsilanti, 3
 nieces, Grace, Mary and
 Kyle, all of Ypsilanti, 4
 nephews and many close
 and special friends. Ser-
 vices were held Jan. 23
 from the Dykstra Funeral
 Homes, Inc. in Saugatuck.
 Interment at Riverside Ce-
 metery in Plymouth. Me-
 morial contributions may
 be made to Hospice of
 South Haven.

MUNSON, ALICE M.
 Age 76, of Westland,
 passed away Jan. 19,
 1998. Survived by nieces
 Priscilla Galdes, Carol Sel-
 by, Susan Mumforo, Kath-
 leen Gibbons and Valerie
 Canovall and one nephew,
 Frank Galdes. Services
 were held Jan. 23, 1998
 from Uht Funeral Home of
 Westland. Cremation rites
 were accorded.

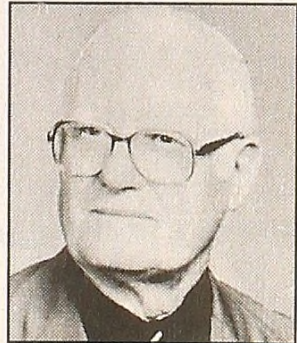
POTTER, LENA M.
 Age 78, of Romulus,
 passed away Jan. 20,
 1998. Survivors are
 daughter Patsy Mullins, 1
 brother, 5 sisters and
 grandchildren Michael an
 Sean. Services were held
 Jan. 21 from Crane Fun-
 eral Home in Romulus
 with interment at Glen-
 wood Cemetery.

SPANN, HAZEL M.
 Age 87, of Romulus,
 passed away Jan. 18,
 1998. She is survived by
 daughters Patsy Bumba-
 lough (Daniel), Betty
 (James) Robertson, Jac-
 queline (John) Summers
 and Peggy (Robert) Mel-
 lencamp. Also survived by
 6 grandchildren, 4 great
 grandchildren and 1 great
 great grandchild. Ser-
 vices were held Jan. 22
 from the Vermeulen Fun-
 eral Home of Westland
 with interment at Parkview
 Memorial Park.

TAYLOR, JOHNNIE M.
 Age 74, passed away Sat.
 Jan. 24, 1998. She was
 born April 29, 1923 in
 Hodges, SC, and raised by
 her recently departed
 mother Janie L. Mitchell of
 Ypsilanti, MI. Wayne
 County General Hospital in
 Wayne, employed her for
 27 years; she retired in
 1978. Mrs. Taylor was an
 active member of the
 Christ Temple City of Ref-
 uge Church. Survivors in-
 clude daughter Susan D.
 Chesley, two sons, James

S. and John D. Jackson; 8
 grandchildren, 2 great
 grandchildren, 4 aunts,
 Irene, Frazier, Jessie Mae
 Wilson, Nellie Wilson of
 Warehools SC, and Annie
 Lee Boyd of Greenwood
 SC, one uncle, John
 Thomas Jackson of Dela-
 ware and many nieces,
 nephews and cousins. Her
 father, John Wilson, hus-
 band Robert Taylor, brother
 John and son Larry pre-
 ceeded her in death. The
 funeral service, arranged by
 Penn Funeral Home in In-
 kster was held Jan. 27,
 1998 at the Christ Temple
 City of Refuge, Pastor Y.H.
 Bell and District Elder Robert
 Bernard officiating. Bur-
 ial followed at the United
 Memorial Gardens, Ply-
 mouth.

ZERONA, ELIZABETH
 Age 84, of Wayne, formerly
 of New Boston. Beloved
 wife of the late Michael.
 Dear mother of Mitchell
 and Dorothy (Bill) Crow.
 Dear grandmother of 8,
 great grandmother of 9
 and great great grand-
 mother of 1. Also survived
 by her sister Julie Kuz and
 brother Carl Maczink. Pre-
 deceased by 2 brothers
 and 2 sisters. Funeral Ser-
 vice was held Jan. 24,
 1998 with arrangements
 by the Harry J. Will Fun-
 eral Home in Wayne. Inter-
 ment took place at Michi-
 gan Memorial Park. The family
 has requested memorial
 contributions to the Ameri-
 can Diabetes Association.



JOHN H. RUPPEL
OBITUARY

John H. Ruppel, 87 of Midland formerly of Wayne and
 Lake City died January 24, 1998.
 He was born May 9, 1910 in Detroit, to Herman and Anna
 (Mader). He married the former Edith Katherine Lohr in
 Wayne. He retired from Unistrut Corporation as assistant
 manufacturing manager in May 1974 after 27-1/2 years of
 service. A member of The First Congregational Church of
 Wayne, member of the Lions Club of Wayne and Cadillac. He
 was active in the Senior Citizens of Lake City.
 His greatest love was his children and family. He was an
 avid gardener and enjoyed hunting, fishing, metalworking,
 woodworking, and carpentry.
 Loving father of John R. (Christine) Ruppel of Midland, B.
 Kay (Ronald) Bolenbaugh of Rockwood, and Pamela L.
 Ruppel of Westland. Grandfather of John E. (Lisa) Ruppel of
 San Diego, CA., Kenneth M. Ruppel of Saginaw, Andrew L.
 Bolenbaugh of South Rockwood. Great-grandfather of Zachery
 and Nicole Ruppel of San Diego, CA. Survived by sister Ann
 Grajek of Wayne. He is survived by Marion Ruppel of Lake
 City, and her family. Preceded in death by his parents Herman
 and Anna Ruppel, sisters Nettie Schultz, Gertrude Booth
 Dasher, brother Herman Ruppel, and wife Edith Lohr Ruppel.
 Funeral service took place Wednesday, January 28, 1998, at
 The First Congregational Church, 2 Town Square, Wayne. The
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 A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday,
 January 29, 1998 at Riverside Place, 400 E. Main, Midland.
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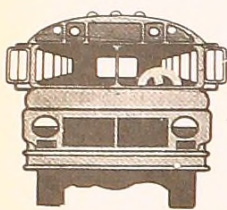
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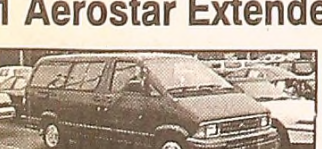

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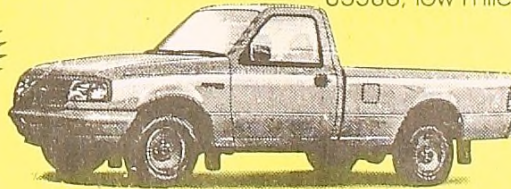
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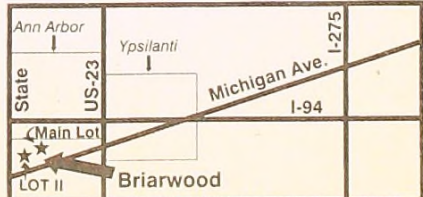
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